(c) Concerted efforts have been made to maintain the increasing trend of milk production in the country. Various programmes being undertaken in this regard are as under:

1. Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their hometracts and upgrading in other selected areas;
2. Gross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds;
3. Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas;
4. Development of feed and fodder resources;
5. Organisation of effective animal health service to support the production programme;
6. Implementation of Operation Flood Programme; and
7. Integrated dairy development for non-operational, hilly and backward areas.
8. Technology Mission on Dairy Development.

[English]

Drug Price Control Order

5886. DR. M. P. JAISWAL:
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have put IV fluids under the Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the manufacturers of the said fluids were consulted for fixation of their prices;

(d) if so, whether the Government have issued instructions to all the hospitals and nursing homes in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Categories of Agriculture Land

5887. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of agricultural production is different in various regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether in view of the different rate of agricultural production the Government have categorised the agriculture land; and

(c) if so, the number of categories under which agriculture land has been divided and the criteria of categorisation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The rate of agricultural production is different in various regions of the country owing to variations in agro-climatic conditions, soil fertility, irrigation infrastructure and other resource endowment and developmental efforts of States.

(b) and (c) No categorisation of agricultural land has been done on the basis of productivity. However, the cropped area has been categorised in official statistics as 'irrigated' and 'unirrigated'.

[English]

Export of Fruits and Vegetable by NAFED

5888. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fresh fruits and vegetables exported and imported by NAFED during 1994-96 and 1996;

(b) the profit and loss occurred in these operations during the said years;

(c) the terms and conditions laid down for appointing the commission agents to market the fresh fruits and vegetables; and

(d) the outstanding amount to be recovered from those commission agents by NAFED during 1994, 1995 and 1996?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND